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PROBLEMS BEFORE THE CINCINNATI CONVENTION—CONTINUED ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES—CHARACTER OF JUDGE DAVIS' BACKERS.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CINCINNATI, April 28.—Whatever may be the result of the Cincinnati Convention, it is already a success, and a victory over the old forms of political parties in the large and spontaneous collection of bright intellect which it has gathered together. To-day there are several thousand gentlemen on from all parts of the United States in Cincinnati, who have paid their expenses, and come, with their opinions and predilections, to take action upon the possibility of reforming the country and of not taxing it. This number delegations arrived from New England, New York, Louisiana, the Carolinas, and California. None need fear that there will not be room enough for the Reception Committee has made a list of all eligible places, and Cincinnati is of one mind, that the delegates here must be accommodated.

Two things of moment are before the Convention—the platform and the candidates. There is no doubt whatever that nominations will be made, and that the Convention will furnish its work and rest before the country to indorse or reject. Two men only come here with a recognized backing of supporting Judge Davis, of Illinois, appears to have collected a number of motley supporters, some of them brave, magnificent, earnest men, and others people who are always on the lookout for a master, all others writers and tools of vacillating convictions, who go over habitually to what seems to be the strongest side. For three years Mr. Davis has been busting this nomination. His name was to be about to be sprung on the Republican Convention in 1868. At that time he got the Presidential maggot into his head, and two or three persons took the contract to force him on the liberal men in 1872, with the threat that unless nominated, the Democrats will revolt. It would be hard to say what fight there or four men who have assumed the Davis directorship, have to speak in the name of the Democratic party.

The Independent party for campaign purposes consists of New York City, on which all the chiefs are drawn for campaign expenses, and a number of Western politicians whose chief exercises in the campaign are to get their names of money. Side letters are shown in the street of Cincinnati from men like William Cassidy, Joan Van Buren, who is Hoffman's Secretary of Legation Belmont and others saying: "Gentlemen of the Convention, you have acted like bold spirits, and with perfect success. Go ahead and make your nomination, and rely upon the Eastern Democracy giving you full support." On the other hand, what is called the Democratic party supporting Mr. Davis, consists of one plausible friend, Jim Robinson, of Springfield; the sagacity-loving George W. Morgan, of Ohio; two or three fine old Whig tramps like John Defrees and Ward Lamon. The old Whig interest which took possession of the Republican party after 1860, and used the Republican organization for its own purposes, has charge to-day of the fortunes of Justice Davis. No money has been spent by any candidate in this Liberal movement, except by the Davis cootie. Somebody has been paying the big expenses, and the hotel bills, both of the Columbus Labor Reformers, and of the Illinois, and, perhaps, of the Minnesota delegations to Cincinnati. Mr. Leonard Swett, it is well understood, has passed tickets to several delegates coming here. Mr. John Defrees has been also also to increase the Davis representation in the same manner. Who paid the money? The answer to this is—who had the most interest in buying it? When this question is fully answered the Davis movement has come to an end. On all sides from the original movers in the present Convention there is a decided unanimity in the opposition to Mr. Davis' nomination. His administration would be a Whig, with a Democratic Court.

This city is full of Democrats from all parts of the country. Great numbers of editors, Congressmen, and political magistrates are here, and they tell us all emphatic that Mr. Davis should not be nominated. The St. Louis *Republican*, Louisville *Journal*, the New York *World*, and the Cincinnati *Enquirer* are some of the papers which do not want Davis nominated at all. Since coming here and their friends have had an assemble here, opinion has been canvassed in Illinois, and public sentiment has crystallized into the view that Mr. Davis is now in his right place, on the Supreme Bench, for which he is well fitted by a natural love of justice, and intuitive knowledge of law, but that as President he would be cautious, slow, selfish, and utterly unable to produce any large political policy which Congress could accept, and which would give us the reform we need. He is opposed to any mention whatever being made of the tariff issue. He has no pronounced opinion as to Civil Service Reform. He is nothing that this Convention is, and his nomination would result in the larger number of Democrats before the country than in case either Mr. Adams, Mr. Trumbull, or Mr. Brown, or General Palmer, were nominated.

To-day Adams's stock is higher. The Louisiana delegation, which is composed of Creoles, negroes, Germans, and all the delegates from Louisiana to Chicago in 1864, came here to-day and declared for Adams. Casino M. Clay, with a large number of Kentuckians, has taken the same stand. David A. Wells, Bowles, and all the New Islanders in the city want the same man. A large part of the New York delegation talk Adams. Mr. Trumbull's second choice would be Adams and Cox. There is an effort being made on all sides to-day to combine those already declared for Adams with the friends of Brown and Trumbull, and make either of the latter Vice President.

The Virginia and Maryland delegations came last night. A well-known Washington correspondent telegraphs from Parkersburg: "Six correspondents, four Democratic Congressmen, two postmasters, and a dozen Grant Republicans are coming to the front." That will do for a rattling Bohemian. The Illinois delegates in the city now number about one hundred. The estimated number coming varies from 300 to 800. Some of them indulge in a freedom of speech which, at this stage of affairs, is ruinous. The Central Headquarters will be at Greenwood Hall.

Ten Kansas delegation, to the number of one hundred, is expected to-day. Marcus J. Parrott, formerly of Ohio, is at their head. Other members are Governor Robinson, D. Crawford, of Topeka; ex-Governor S. D. Crawford; A. M. Clark, of Leavenworth; L. M. Wood, one of the signers of the call for Mr. Adams's nomination, and Senator Ross. The headquarters of the delegation will be at the Gait House, on Walnut street.

Eleven cars of delegates from Missouri are expected here to-morrow morning. The greatest part of the Wisconsin delegates will be here to-day. Those from Milwaukee are partly for the reunion Convention, to be held Wednesday morning, and partly to attend the Liberal Convention. Among this delegation are Judge William F. Lynde, (Dem.) The rumor is that Wisconsin prefers Adams and Brown to Trumbull. The preference is not being violated.

Indiana will send a large delegation to the Reunion Convention. Eight car loads from the Indianapolis delegation are expected to-day. The facility of Indianapolis has intelligence that nearly all those who left that city on Saturday, to attend the Pennsylvania delegation will come to-morrow and settle to-day. A few gentlemen from Pittsburgh came several days ago, but thus far they have eluded the grasp of the most penetrating reporter, and their views are unknown. Thaddeus A. Anderson, Dr. John Kirkwood, and Hugh Fleming are in this city. The name of Senator Fowler, of Tennessee, yesterday was seen on the register of the Spencer House. This hotel will be the headquarters of the Washington, Tennessee, Arkansas, New Jersey, and Michigan delegations, who are all expected by to-day's trains.

General Burbridge, in an interview with a reporter of the *Gazette*, said this, as far as he knew, Kentucky had no decided preferences for Grant. He thought that they decidedly preferred Trumbull. The different portions of the ferred Trumbull. The different portions of the State will be well represented by Republicans of prominence.

Ex-Congressman Ashley came to the Burnet House last night, but retiring early, he escaped the pertinacious attentions of the local reporters.

The movement for Blaine as the Democratic Convention against the Democrats very much. Two days ago they were threatening this Convention if their wishes were not followed. Before to-day that Blaine had a real campaign against Grant in progress, they are fearful that the Cincinnati movement will stop until after the Philadelphia Convention, and anywhere, upon Horace Greeley. Mr. Blaine has another narrow bones. Mr. Blaine has made a coalition with certain Republicans west of the Missouri River, between now and the election his friends will be able to see plenty of reasons why Grant can not be elected.

The leaders here, are disposed to be temperate in their demands for platform recognition.

Mr. Sands said to-day that, on the ground of principle, the whole reason why between Adams and Trumbull. The Missouri delegation are still resolved to go massively for Grant Brown, but there is no way that their preferences shall not stand in the way of the Convention's success.

The New York Times has sent a set of murdering, cut-looking pick pockets here to visit the Cincinnati movement.

The kindred feeling continues strongly in favor of Adams. Among some of the Germans, to-day, Cox has been talked of as a possible candidate. He is a strong gift, and as a writing in his party relations a President 1st candidate.

Schurz has been sounding, since his arrival in the city, with his friend Judge Stallo. He has to-day received large numbers of his friends, both Germans and English, but turned the cold shoulder to every all local reporters who attempted to interview him, declining to express his preference for any candidate. To-morrow night he addresses the Germans at Washington Pavilion, a place of German resort on Ninth street. The occasion will be principally social, and his speech will not be long nor elaborate, but simply a plain, European address upon the points at issue. Judge Stallo and other prominent Germans here will also be present, and make addresses. On Tuesday night the Germans will have an important meeting in the City of the Reunion and Reform Association. Delegates of the local Union Reform Associations in all parts of the country are invited.

Reinecke is said to be at Lexington, Ky., inspecting blooded horses with a view to purchase. Fernando Wood has countermanded his order for rooms at the Clyde House, where he was expected to be present.

The day has been quiet and the temperature agreeable. The effect upon the disturbed elements was good and general quiet and harmony reunited, during the week the power has not been on hand, after to-day. To-day the pulse is not quicken until evening. During the evening the lobbies of the hotels were crowded and the talk became feverish. At the Burnet House the scene was especially animated. The corridors and parlors of the house were filled with delegates discussing their preferences, and local reporters and newspaper correspondents expecting from them all sorts of information and surmising what they failed directly to elicit.

The rumor of the hour is a letter from Trumbull which has not been made public, and is not likely to be for the present. Its contents have been magnified to great importance, and all of the committees or no special sent to the various political east, west, north, and south, have mentioned it.

All conferences in regard to a Revenue Reform plank, and reducing available candidates, are open. Temperance and the outcome will undoubtedly be harmonious.

Because Tom has been talking Davis and Greeley all the day, and evening, wandering about among the politicians at the Burnet House, as they call among the proposals. The Angelic expression of the face of Dorsheimer, of Buffalo, on newspaper men, was pleasant to behold. He said, in his usual picturesque style, "If any harm be known or found against Davis, I don't think it would be almost unanimous for Davis and Greeley." But delegates are continually arriving, and what is true to-day may be a false creed to-morrow.

Mr. Mahlon Sands, Secretary of the National Press Association, who knows what has transpired at all conferences in regard to the Revenue Reform plank in the platform, expresses his opinion to-night that that matter will be happily settled and to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

The seats of the reporters will be soon assigned. On Saturday or Tuesday night the hall will be illuminated, and members of the press will be invited to inspect it and report upon the arrangements made for their accommodation. The imperial rooms of Cincinnati are said to have been provided upon a plan suggested by Mr. Halstead, of the *Commercial*.

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A delegation from Wayne County, Indiana is here, among them Colonel Colonel Gerson, and others. This number will be increased to-morrow. Indiana also reports eight or ten delegates to the Reunion and Reform Convention.

A delegation from Virginia is to arrive at the Gait House to-night.

A private despatch to day states that 125 tickets had been sold for Kansas delegates, to be led by ex-Governor Crawford, of Topeka, a Democrat, who is already here. The delegation will probably arrive to-morrow, and will be quartered at the Gait House.

The Pennsylvania and New Jersey delegations are both expected to-morrow. The former headquarters at the Burnet House. Eight hundred and twenty-five Kentucky delegates are provided for at the Burnet House, most of whom are Democrats and Greeleyites.

A run or has been circulating to-day, to the effect that Horace White had received a letter from Trumbull, in which he declined to allow his name as a candidate before the Convention. While, perhaps, Mr. White has his personal letter from Judge Trumbull, still there are good reasons to believe it is not unconditional withdrawal. It is by no means certain that his name will not be submitted to the Convention.

A private meeting of the members of the Free Trade League, and others in the interest of Revenue Reform, was held to-day. An informal talk was had with reference to the manner in which the question could be disposed of in the platform in such a way as to secure the acquiescence of the friends generally of the new movement. No definite conclusion was reached, save to appoint a committee to more fully discuss the question.

Governor Palmer, who had engaged rooms at the Carlisle House, has cancelled the engagement, from which it would appear that he was not to attend the Convention.

PROBLEMS BEFORE THE CONVENTION—WHAT IT WILL PROBABLY DO!

From Our Own Correspondent.

CINCINNATI, April 28.

A Convention like this generally, of Liberal Republicans, need conceal nothing from the people, to whose sense of patriotism, independence, and indignation it makes its appeal. I shall, therefore, proceed to state what impressions have been made upon me in the last three days, by conversing with people who will be part of the gathering, and hearing men of experience and acuteness express their opinions.

The first danger of the Convention will arise from the exuberance and

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in it. It has the tone of all earnest reforms about it, and will be largely composed of original, self-contained men, gathered together to enforce, each man for himself, those views which he holds, and on which he will compromise with difficulty. A regular political convention, like that to assemble at Philadelphia, whose current is that of interests and the offices, will appear to harmonize more promptly than an earnest, disinterested, and, to some degree, heterogenous mass assembling here like the present. Our friends will, therefore, keep their souls in patience, and not permit the fact that we cannot be ready to decide on the 30th of April to disconcert us.

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NEW YORK.

The Opening of Public Libraries on Sunday.

Full Report of Henry Ward Beecher's Address.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, April 22.

In the letter which I sent you yesterday, I mentioned that there has been much talk and no little feeling lately on the question of opening the Public Libraries on Sunday. The subject is one which has been much agitated in other cities, even saintly Boston having conceded so much to the growing liberality of the age as to admit that it is barely possible that it might be desirable to strive to save to decency and usefulness some of those young men who otherwise would be given over to rum and rowdyism. In no city has the experiment of opening the Free Libraries on Sunday yet been tried, save in one. Philadelphia—staid, right-angled old Quaker City as it is—has been the first to set the example, and the result has been so good as to win over even those who were formerly the most bitter opponents of the scheme. For years there has been in our city a constantly-increasing demand that the literary advantages of the Libraries be offered to the people every day in the week, and not churlishly withheld on the very one day when there are thousands eager to use those privileges which their constant occupation with other duties forbids them to enjoy at any other time. This demand at last became so urgent that it could be no longer ignored, and the managers of the Public Libraries, on inviting an expression from the reading public, found the majority in favor of Sunday freedom so overwhelming that they have determined to accede to the popular request. Desiring, however, that their judgment should first receive the stamp of pulpit-approbation appeal was made to the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to make a public speech on the theme. This he did last night, at Cooper Institute, before an audience which, for culture and intelligence, was never surpassed in New York, and which, in numbers, was only limited by the capacity of the building. As this question must soon be brought up before citizens for decision, and as it is a subject which reaches down to the very roots of our civilization, and the proper setting of which must very seriously affect the status of the coming generations as to intelligence and morality, the opinions of such men thereon cannot be too widely disseminated, and must, I think, be of special interest to the good people of the Lake City. I therefore send you a fuller report of Mr. Beecher's speech than you will find in any of our own journals, as their reports, being of necessity hastily transcribed in the middle of the night, could not have the benefit of the careful and full copying-out and thorough revision I have been able to give the report I have just

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CINCINNATI, April 27.—The weather at Cincinnati is debilitating, but, in outside appearance, is delightful. We have had sunshine all day long, and the thermometer to-day stood 74 degrees at 10 o'clock a. m., and got up to 80 at noon.

There are a very good number of distinguished people in this city, but the staid citizens of Cincinnati profess to see no difference in the numbers in the streets. Parts of delegations from almost every part of the country have arrived.

As the matter of nominations stands, to-night, it may be set down as follows: Justice Davis will probably have the largest number of votes assembled for any one candidate in the first ballot, but not enough to elect him. Governor Gratz Brown will also appear with a well massed collection of votes from Missouri and contiguous States. He will also look enough votes to bring him the nomination. The strength of Trumbull, on the first ballot, is perhaps not to be so great as was supposed two days ago, but he has larger reserves for future ballots, and a great part of the Democratic opposition to his name has passed away, in view of the general respect paid on second thought to his high personal character and his consistent course, and perhaps, also, in a measure to the letters received here from such eastern politicians as John Van Buren, who was Governor Hoffman's Private Secretary, saying that Trumbull will be as good as any man yet named. Horace Greeley has a number of friends in the city who seem disposed to push him. Waldo Hutchins, Simon Kenney, and Whitelaw Reid are the managers of his forces. Governor Fenton is already scared at the rumors of a bargain with Davis and Palmer for a *gold* ticket. The name of Chase will be advanced later in the convention. Alex. Long yesterday stated to your correspondent that Chase was not destitute of strength, which would be shown at the proper time.

The feeling in regard to a free trade plank in the Convention platform is that of conciliation. The matter will be arranged, it is generally thought, without affecting the harmony and good feeling of the body.

Preparations for the entertainment of the Convention continue on a scale commensurate with the size of the expected assembly. Accommodations for 10,000 and personal have been offered by private citizens to the Committee having that matter in charge. The finishing touches to the hall were given yesterday.

Your correspondent had a brief interview with George H. Pendleton, yesterday. He says he has been quite busy of late, and little attention to the progress of current events, and obtruding his opinions on no one. He advises the Democrats to keep away from all meddling directly or indirectly, with the Convention while it is in session. He says: "Let the Convention organize its work and report it to the people. Then Democrats will accept or reject it, according as it suits their views." He declines to express preferences, and says that he believes no ten Democrats have any opinion in common in regard to candidates before this Convention or the principles which it will adopt. Gratz Brown, he believes, possesses some strength among Democrats, to which his recent able speeches have contributed greatly. Adams is a good man, but has his weak points as a candidate.

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THE RIVAL CANDIDATES.

The Cincinnati nomination seems now to hang about evenly balanced between Adams, Brown, Davis, and Trumbull. Each of these gentlemen was among the founders of the Republican party; each of them has a long, varied, and able political record; all are lawyers by education; Adams being by preference and occupation a diplomat, Brown an editor, and Trumbull a jurist. All belong to families distinguished in American history, not merely in politics, but in a wide range of intellectual and social activity. Twenty-nine Adamses and nine Trumbulls appear in Drake's Dictionary of American Biography as the representatives of the Adams family in Massachusetts and the Trumbull family of Connecticut. Gratz Brown is grandson of Senator Brown, of Kentucky, and, like his rivals, is a statesman by inheritance. Charles Francis Adams, son of President John Quincy Adams, grandson of President John Adams, who was a cousin of Samuel Adams, the pioneer of the American Revolution, is now in his 65th year. His sons, Charles Francis Adams, Jr., and Henry B. Adams, are also distinguished themselves as writers in the *North American Review* upon political and railway questions, the former being one of the Railway Commissioners of Massachusetts. Another son, John Quincy Adams 2d, has been several times run as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. Some collateral members of the Adams family have been prominent as divines. Standing, as it were, in the midst of an intellectual group of such extended and diversified fame, Charles Francis Adams has worthily worn the mantle which has fallen on him from his fathers. His early youth was passed at the Courts of St. Petersburg and of London, where his father was Minister, until his 10th year, when he returned, entered Harvard at the age of 14, and graduated four years later. He then studied law in the office of Daniel Webster, and, at 21, was admitted to the bar, but never practised. A year afterward, he married a Miss Brooks, daughter of a Boston millionaire. At 24, he entered the Massachusetts Assembly, served three years, and then two in the State Senate. In 1848, he started an anti-slavery paper in Boston, which was one of the influences in founding the Republican party. In 1848, he ran as the Free Soil candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Martin Van Buren,—a movement which would have founded the Republican party if the Van Burens had not been actuated by mere personal pique against Cass, instead of by anti slavery prejudice. In 1859-'61, he represented the district so long represented by his father in Congress, and, on the accession of President Lincoln, he was appointed Minister to Great Britain, a position which had been filled by both his father and grandfather. The complications growing out of the Rebellion rendered this post a very difficult one, but he performed its duties with both vigilance and ability.

Lyman Trumbull, of Illinois, was born at Colchester, Conn., and is now in his 59th year, six years younger than Adams, though his name has been more before the public and prominent one. The Trumbull family in Connecticut include Governor Jonathan Trumbull, of Connecticut, who was Governor from 1769 to 1783, or through the Revolutionary period. He was the Whig or Revolutionary leader of New England among the people, as Adams and Hancock were in Congress, and his judgment was so well timed to that of the people that Washington used to consult him when he wanted to know how the people stood on war questions. He had a habit of saying: "Let us see what Brother Jonathan says," a term which originally referred to Governor Trumbull as an exponent of the people, but came to mean the typical New Englander himself, and finally the Yankee Nation. There was a second Jonathan Trumbull, son of the preceding, and also Governor of Connecticut from 1798 to 1809; a grandson, Joseph, who was a member of Congress, prominent Whig statesman, and Governor. Lyman Trumbull took charge at 20 of an academy at Greenville, Ga., where he studied law; was admitted to the bar in his 24th year, settled in Belleville, Ill., entered the Illinois Legislature at 25, was next year Secretary of State of Illinois, and at the age of 34 was Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, where he remained five years; was then elected to Congress in 1854, and to the United States Senate in 1855, thus entering on his distinguished career as a national statesman at the comparatively early age of 43. Re-elected in 1861 and again in 1867, he is now serving his eighteenth year as a Senator, and eleven years as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. In the latter capacity, every law enacted during that period passed under the eye of Senator Trumbull, and received his judgment as to its constitutionality. In this long and active career Mr. Trumbull has proved himself equal to the highest work, capable of addressing his mind to an infinity of details, and still preserving perfect poise and cool comprehensive judgment in the treatment of all great themes.

B. Gratz Brown was born at Lexington, Kentucky, and is just 46 years old. He settled as a lawyer at St. Louis; entered the State Legislature at the age of 26; soon after became connected with the St. Louis *Democrat*, and edited it from 1854 to 1859; started the Republican party in Missouri in 1857; raised and commanded a regiment in 1861,—subsequently a brigade; led in the abolition of slavery in Missouri in 1864; was United States Senator from '63 to '67, and was elected Governor of Missouri on the broad platform of General Amnesty in 1871. He, perhaps, proceeded any other Republican as the founder of the Liberal party which is now gathering in National Convention at Cincinnati. Mr. Brown is a good Speaker, scholarly and original, an able editor, and a sagacious politician. He is still in the freshness of his youth, has a long political career ahead, and will stand a strong chance of being one of the leading and controlling statesmen of the country.

The next on the list is Judge David Davis. He was born in Cecil County, Maryland, on March 9, 1815, and graduated at Kenyon College in 1832. He read law in Massachusetts and New Haven, and, in 1835, he was admitted to the bar, and removed to Illinois, settling at Bloomington, where he has ever since resided. In 1844, he entered the Legislature, and, in 1848, was a member of the Convention which framed the State Constitution of that year. In 1848, he was elected Judge of the Eighth Circuit, serving until 1863, when he was appointed by Mr. Lincoln an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was during his public life, a Whig, belonging to that brilliant array of Whigs of the central part of the State, of which Hardin, Baker, Yates, Lincoln, Browning, and Stephen T. Logan were conspicuous members. He was an intimate friend of Mr. Lincoln. He took an active part in the Republican Convention of 1860 to secure Mr. Lincoln's election. Since his elevation to the Supreme Court he has been distinguished by the leading part he has taken in the deliberations of the Court, and by the clearness and vigor of his written opinions. In this State he has hosts of personal friends, who are supporting him with zeal. He lives in the heart of a strong Republican belt of counties, and is known personally to most of the voters. How far he is known outside of Illinois is more than we can tell. Personally, he is wealthy, is a liberal, genial friend and companion, and universally esteemed by the bar.

The debate in the House of Representatives on the question whether Dr. Houard, recently transported by the Spanish Government, is entitled to the protection of the American Government, is a remarkable episode in legislation. We had supposed that Secretary Fish settled that question some weeks ago, by demanding his release from the Spanish Government, and, as such a demand has been made, we do not see any special reason in members of the House debating the propriety of an act which has already been accomplished.

AN ENORMOUS BLUNDER.

The course of the present Administration has been marked not only by excesses of power and illegal interference with local Governments, by unusual instances of corruption and palpable violations of law, but also by egregious blundering in measures both of national and international importance. The most remarkable case of blundering has been the treatment of the Alabama Claims Arbitration. The whole case has been marked by incompetency from first to last, and has damaged the American name abroad without the slightest necessity. The Treaty of Washington was fairly and squarely made, and commanded the respect of both nations, and would undoubtedly have been consummated without any serious question had it not been for the opportunity which was afforded a smart clerk of giving that treaty a construction which was never hinted at in the original proceedings. The discovery that the treaty included indirect damages was made by Mr. Bancroft Davis, who, after the treaty was drawn up, carried the case in his pocket and doctored it to suit himself, as if Congress and the people had no concern in it; and not until the presentation of the case, and the counter-case to the Geneva authorities were either Congress or the people allowed to know what Mr. Bancroft Davis had been doing. When the announcement was finally made, the English people, press, and Government were indignant beyond measure, as we should have been in their place, at the imposition which had been practised upon them. Naturally, the Conservatives were more violent in their denunciations of the bad faith implied in the new construction given to the treaty, as they hoped to make capital against Gladstone and the Ministry; but Mr. Gladstone, although less violent, was no less firm in his repudiation of indirect damages. The universal remonstrance of the English had no effect upon the Administration. Mr. Bancroft Davis' interpretation was adhered to with mulish persistence, and the fair proposition of the English, to submit the question to a preliminary arbitration whether the indirect claims should be entertained, was scouted with contempt. Staunch friends of this country, like John Bright, John Stuart Mill, and others, appealed to the Administration to withdraw this class of claims, but all in vain. The leading Continental journals of Europe pointed out the fact that such claims had never been heard of before in international proceedings, and that they were utterly untenable; but still the Administration stuck to its blunder, although it was playing with fire, and drifting towards war so rapidly that American securities abroad were affected. The most intelligent American journals warned the Administration of the folly it was committing, but their warnings were not regarded. Finally, the appointed time for the filing of the counter-cases arrived, and the American counter-case was filed without any withdrawal of Mr. Bancroft Davis' smart trick. The British Government filed its case also, with its protest against indirect claims, and the distinct intimation that, if those claims were not waived within the two months which will elapse before the final arbitration, it would withdraw altogether from the arbitration. The united protests of the English people, press, and Government, the criticisms of influential Continental journals, the wishes of the American people, and the warnings of the American press were of no avail. Congress could give no utterance upon the subject, as Congress could not get official information or papers. Finally, when the Administration had drifted along so far that the utter wreck of the arbitration was inevitable, in which case the treaty would be only valuable as waste paper, the great authorities in international law, like ex-President Woolsey, Hon. William Beach Lawrence, and other able jurists, showed the Administration, beyond any controversy, the utter futility of its action and the insecurity of its position, and earnestly pleaded with it to withdraw these baseless claims. The Administration, at last, began to take the cotton out of its ears. It was forced to listen and to act, and it has acted in a manner in keeping with its entire course on this important question. It has withdrawn the substance, but adhered to the form. It virtually says: "We have never had any idea that these claims would be paid, we have never expected to collect them; indeed, we cannot make any estimate of them. The Arbitrators can entertain the question without acting upon it. It is a mere matter of form." But, if the question of indirect claims is a merely technical one, involving no result of practical value and no national dignity, why keep it in the case at all? This is creeping out of a very small hole. The evasion is as contemptible and pettifogging as the trick of Mr. Bancroft Davis which led to it. Such action as this is of the same kind as that of the school-boy who, debarred from inflicting immediate damage upon his antagonist, contents himself with making up faces at him. It is unworthy of a great nation. It is unworthy of a Government which initiated its Administration by the public declaration that, having settled its own affairs satisfactorily, it was now going to settle the affairs of the nations as well, settling international differences. Viewing the action of the Administration in whatever light we may, it is only mortifying. If it really believes that indirect damages are tenable and just, then its withdrawal of them is cowardly. It should have persisted in them to the bitter end. If it did not so believe, then it is guilty of holding on to an error with intent to deceive. If, by its indifference and carelessness, it allowed itself to be entrapped by any attorney into so egregious a blunder, its method of excusing that blunder is as bad as the blunder itself. In either of these aspects its action is humiliating to the pride of the people of this country in their Government, and damaging to us abroad as affects our ideas of diplomacy.

THE CANADIAN CANALS.

The following are the resolutions pending before the Parliament of Canada, upon the subject of the Dominion canals:

First. That in the resolution adopted by the Eighth Provincial Parliament of Canada, which was founded in addressing to Her Majesty praying for a union of the British North American Provinces, it was affirmed that the improvements required for the development of the trade of the great West with the seaboard were of the greatest importance, and it was declared that they should be prosecuted at the earliest possible period that the state of the finances would permit.

Second. That the time has now arrived when the financial and material condition of the Dominion requires and warrant a thorough and comprehensive improvement of the canal system of Canada sufficient to accommodate the growing trade and commerce of the country, and to give effect to the recommendation in the report of the Canal Commissioners, laid before the House during the last session.

Fourth. That, taking into consideration the value and volume of trade between the inland and maritime provinces of the Dominion, this House is further of opinion that the construction of a canal by which sea-going vessels may proceed from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Bay of Fundy without breaking bulk or making a long and often dangerous voyage around the coast of Nova Scotia, is of paramount importance, and should be proceeded with without delay.

One of the reasons upon which the Imperial Government was asked to consent to the consolidation of the various Provinces under one Government was, that united they would be better able to improve the canal system, and thus make the St. Lawrence River a highway, not only for the commerce of the Dominion, but for the commerce of the Western States of the American Union, which stand in need of that outlet. The time has now come when that great work can no longer be delayed. The productions of an empire of twenty States, having a population of nearly as many millions, is waiting an outlet which is not possible to farmed by rail or by the one contracted canal between Lake Erie and the Hudson River. The St. Lawrence River is now of comparatively little value to Canadians; the canals which render it navigable to the lakes are too small and contracted for the enlarged tonnage of this day, and the Dominion Parliament must now choose between enlarging the capacity of those canals or remain, after the manner of the dog in the manger, in the possession of a commercial highway which alone it has no use for, and which it will not permit others to use.

We have so often pointed out the importance of these canals to the people of this country and to the people of Canada, that it is unnecessary to discuss that matter. There may be those in Canada who are opposed to the annexation of that country to the United States, and who think they see in this opening of the St. Lawrence to the free commercial intercourse of both nations a step toward ultimate, if not early, annexation. This is altogether a mistake. Our people, whenever the Canadians shall, with any degree of unanimity, seek annexation, in all probability will greet them with fraternal affection; but we are sure that any attempt on the part of any body of Americans to coerce or influence Canadian feeling in that matter would be generally rebuked. The opening of the St. Lawrence by the enlargement of the canals to the commerce of the West would have no unfriendly effect upon the relations of the two countries. On the contrary, it would remove from the public mind in this country that ever-present thought that the United States must have the St. Lawrence River as a national necessity. Each day that river becomes more and more essential to the Western States. Each day it becomes more evident that it is to be the highway from the heart of the American Union to the markets of the outer world. If the Dominion of Canada, in whose territory this river flows, will voluntarily open it to our commerce,—will voluntarily place within the reach of our people the free navigation of that route to the ocean,—then it ceases to be a question with our people whether the river is a Canadian or an American stream. The growing thought of acquiring that river as a necessity will be banished, and there will not in all this broad land be one intelligent or honest man who will think of despoiling Canada of one inch of her soil, or of abridging her jurisdiction in the least.

We must have a road to market. Our Canadian neighbors have a road which they can place at our disposal or not. We do not seek to deprive them of their property, nor of their jurisdiction; but the road is becoming a vital necessity for us. By opening that road to us, we pour the commerce of a comparatively large nation through their territory, building up their cities, increasing their ocean trade, and giving employment to thousands of additional workmen in every trade. Can Canada afford to refuse this aid to her own trade, for the mere purpose of spiting the American people? Can she afford to deny us that privilege, and foster in this country the sentiment that we could, if we choose, take that river and keep it as our own? Is it not better to accomplish the mutual benefit of both by an exchange of cordial and substantial offices of friendship, lifting the popular mind in both countries above all aggressive suggestions, and making each directly interested in the material prosperity of the other?

The New York *Nation* has cut out the work which the Cincinnati Convention ought to do in a very clear and workmanlike manner. It advises the Convention, if it speaks at all, to speak in English, and with no faltering voice. It must ask, not for Civil Service Reform in the abstract, but for "a particular measure," of which it must specify the main features. It must demand a tariff for revenue. Levied on such articles and at such rates as experience has shown to be productive of the largest revenue. It must declare either for more interference with the local Governments at the South or for none at all,—a subject of pressing importance, for, if the Government proposes to continue its carpet-bag domination, it is absolutely necessary to the existence of those States that they should be protected as thoroughly against swindling legislators as against assassin-like Ku Klux. It also claims that the Convention must fix its attitude on the question of the suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* with perfect clearness. The *Nation's* advice with regard to the selection of a candidate is, that the Convention cannot safely take up an obscure man simply because he has not been engaged in politics and nothing bad can be said about him. The country has already had four years of blunders, corruptions, and illegal usurpations of power, growing out of ignorance of politics, and cannot afford to repeat the experiment of putting a man in the White House who must have a body-guard of politicians and office-holders about him to tell him how to run the machine. If nothing bad can be said about a man, it is an equally valid reason why he is unfitted for the Presidency, for he must have been all things to all men, and has not the firmness and independence requisite for his position. The people demand a man who has been tested, whose record is clean, and whose career will show how he will act when the time for action comes. The country has already stated some qualities which should characterize the Coming Man, as follows:

The new candidate for the Presidency must be a first-rate man, a distinguished man, a man versed in affairs, and who has filled places of trust and dignity before, and who can show that he is known for the soundness of his judgment and the good repute of his associates. He must be a politician, but not a trickster. If any attempt is made to palm off on Reformers a second-rate man of any class,—a makeshift or blatherskite or of faithful, harmless body of whom nothing bad is known; or a feather-headed body, who gets a new set of opinions with every newspaper; or a reliable gentleman, who "sank case of his friends," we trust they will let him fight his battle in his own way.

Milwaukee has a new cause for grievance in a recent lecture by the Very Reverend the Dean of Chester, in the course of which he mentioned an incident which befell him in Baltimore. He was walking one day in Druid Park, when three gentlemen from Milwaukee accosted him, insisted upon shaking his hand, Whereupon said Dean on making remarks: "Yet their only acquaintance with me consisted in having read some of my books,—a circumstance which shows how religious reading extends to the remoter regions of America, where you would only expect to find wild backwoodsmen." One may imagine, but not describe, the feelings of the people of this country in their Government, and damaging to us abroad as affects our ideas of diplomacy.

The great success of the "Holly Tree Coffee Rooms" in Boston suggests their introduction in Chicago. Hereafter, our laboring population will be larger than ever before. Unless active measures are taken to help them help themselves, our cold, hard winters will throw many of them on the Relief and Aid Society. The "Holly Tree" system does nothing to promote pauperism, but directly encourages honest labor by enabling it to buy more with its wages. In Boston, half-a-dozen small stores have been rented and converted into restaurants, where pure food can be obtained at absolute cost. Ten cents will buy a substantial lunch, and twenty-five cents a good dinner. Everything is neat and clean. These coffee-rooms have proved a powerful opponent of the saloons, and many of the latter have been closed,—a striking proof of the truism that, to fight the devil, the powerful influence of THE TRIBUNE is unwilling to do. There is no doubt whatever that the absence of drainage, coupled with the disorganization of the city scavengering department since the great fire, has occasioned an unusual accumulation of offensive house and street refuse, which now that the hot rays of the sun are beginning to act upon it, is giving off its odor that makes the atmosphere most unwholesomely oppressive. It is a state of things which should command the solicitous attention of the sanitary authorities, without unnecessary delay. Chicago has withstood the test of a Great Fire bravely, but a plague of Cholera, launched upon the streets overcharged with filth, would be a calamity from which the fire did not,—the depopulation of the city. There is a great responsibility resting with those to whom the duty of protecting the public health; and, as they appear to be insensible to that duty and responsibility, I think the inhabitants of the city, immediately in danger, should assemble in a public meeting, and insist upon due consideration being given to so serious a subject, and that a committee of

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Paris, Neoga & Southwestern Railroad.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: At a meeting in Neoga, Ill., on the 8th inst., of the stockholders of the Paris, Neoga & Southwestern Railroad, Directors were elected, articles of corporation signed for filing at Springfield, and the following officers chosen for the ensuing year: Mahlon Votaw, President; George W. Aiblin, Vice-President; William W. Whitney, Secretary; and William B. Phillips, Treasurer. The road was organized to assist and form a part of what is known as the "Ice Road," being a contemplated through line from Toledo, O., to Neoga, Ill., etc., via Lima, O., Kokomo and Crawfordsville, Ind., Paris and Neoga, Ill.

The hearty and heartfelt demonstrations of the new drama, "Black Friday," by the New York press, have called for an attempt at a defence by its author. He argues that sensational papers and preachers are the only ones who succeed. And that, while they are endowed by no one has a right to complain of sensational plays; that "Black Friday" is no more so than many other dramas lately produced; and that the managers and actors and authors must live. This last plea is the one made by some worthless person to Dr. Johnson, and the Doctor's reply, "I see no necessity for that, sir," is applicable here. The other two reasons alleged are simply repetitions of the "You're another" style of argument. No man can rid himself of his personal responsibility for an offence because some other has done the same thing. It is gratifying to know that "Black Friday" has been a complete failure, despite the tremendous advertisement it has received, and the lavish expenditure in mounting it. Debauched as the popular taste may be, it is not yet ready to applaud the spectacle of a thief and a harlot.

A few men, claiming to represent the American branch of the Internationale, have issued a pamphlet entitled "The Radical Demands to the Liberal Republicans Assembled in Convention in Cincinnati." They ask that the Convention shall declare that a Representative may be recalled at any time by his constituents, and that all acts of any Legislature shall be ratified or rejected by the popular vote. The first idea, if carried into effect, would give unprecedented power to a skilful demagogue, and practically make it impossible for any man of independence to serve in any legislative assembly. The second would delay the already tardy course of legislation, and by a return to the exploded theory, which has failed wherever it has been reduced to practice, on a large or small scale. The Cincinnati Convention is a movement against demagogues and in favor of manly independence, and a movement forward, and not backward. These pretended Internationale planks can find no place in its platform.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Rev. Philander Chase, youngest son of the late Bishop, died, last Wednesday, at Wady Petra, Stark County.

—The Chicago & Alton Company is requested to pay $4,000 for causing the death of Mrs. Sawyer, of Godfrey, who received injuries while stepping out of a train at that station.

—David T. Linegar, counsel for Harrison, the murderer of Swoboda, at Cairo, has received anonymous warning to drop the case.

—The Wenona (Marshall County) *Index* says:

The ground is wet down about two feet; below that it is saturated as dry as powder. Who can remember a fall, winter, and spring, with little or no water in the streams? For nearly two years, we have had an unprecedented third of the average annual rainfall.

—Caleb Bloom, late City Treasurer of Quincy, arrested in Chicago, last Wednesday, for embezzlement of $18,000 in his accounts as bookkeeper of the First National Bank, says he spent the winter in Detroit, and from there went to Bay City, Mich., where he was making arrangements to ship lumber to Sandusky, having with another man bought a steam barge at Detroit for that purpose. He further states that he watched the papers very closely to see if he was being advertised, but saw nothing, felt somewhat easier, and made a trip down to Chicago, where he was observed.

WISCONSIN.

The Rev. John Allison has resigned the pastorate of Olivet Congregational Church, Milwaukee, in consequence of ill-health. The Rev. Mr. *Adscots*, will prepare a memorial on the death of the late George Hyer, to be read at the next meeting of the North Wisconsin Editorial Association, at Stevens Point, in July.

IOWA.

Dubuque is figuring how to pay, this year, $105,705 as principal and interest on municipal indebtedness, and to keep the machine running on revenue no greater than $125,000.

—Dr. J. M. Shafer, of Fairfield, is named for Secretary of State.

—A mortgage presented for record in Fowler County appears to have been given by Thomas Gree to the Sailors' Home, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in consideration of $24,000, and upon whole sections of land, mostly improved farms in Sheridan Township, which Gree does not, and never did own.

INDIANA.

George W. Dargin, Jr., of Fort Wayne, was arrested, last Thursday, charged with embezzlement of funds, amounting to perhaps $10,000, as Secretary of the Fort Wayne Citizens', Summit City, and Mechanics' Building, Savings, and Loan Associations. Dargin's late defeat in the Post Office caused investigation to be made of his accounts in those different societies.

MINNESOTA.

A. H. Young has been chosen City Attorney of Minneapolis.

—Ole Nelsberg, Assistant Secretary of State, and editor of the *Minnesota*, a Norwegian paper at Minneapolis, has been arrested for libel, at the instance of Mr. Larson, editor of the *Nordisk Folkeblad*, a rival paper. It appears that when Ole Bull was in Minneapolis, on a recent visit, he was dunned by Solberg for a debt owed by his father, who was a member of Mr. Bull's Pennsylvania Colony. Larson accused Solberg of an attempt to "extort money," and was, in turn, called a "perjurer."

—A new Baptist Church at St. Paul, for which plans are being made at Chicago, is to cost $100,000.

—The St. Paul *Pioneer* says:

From different portions of the State we hear that prairie fires are doing serious damage, once more, and unless we soon have rain, we may be called upon to record the particulars of losses equally as disastrous as those of last fall.

—The following names for stations along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad have been permanently adopted in place of those now in use, to-wit: Wilmington, for Cento; Motley, for Wyoming; Aldrich, for Otto; Verndale, for Shingawonn; Anthon, for Milton; Lake Side, for Marion; Hawley, for Bethel; Glyndon, for St. Paul & Pacific Junction with Northern Pacific Railroad.

PERSONAL.

A. M. Towne, of Sacramento, Superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, has temporarily vacated his office, in the hope of recovering his health. Mr. Towne was formerly of Chicago.

—Warren Bristol, of Red Wing, Minn., has been appointed to a Judgeship in New Mexico, vice D. B. Johnson, Jr., of Austin, Minn., declined.

—Rev. Daniel Read Eberly, late President of Cottage Hill Female Seminary, York, Pa., has accepted the Presidency of Oberlin University.

—Lloyd Tevis, who claims title to most of the ground on which Sacramento is built, is a Kentuckian, a man of immense wealth, and, having met with great success in California, induced his brother Joshua to resign as District Attorney in Kentucky, to try his fortunes in the Golden State.

—The Rev. Robert McCune, associate editor of the Toledo *Blade*, has been appointed Appraiser of Merchandise at that Port.

—Dr. N. B. Prentice, the New United States Marshal for Ohio, was formerly in charge of the Marine Hospital at Cleveland. General Russell Hastings, who lost a leg in the late war, retires from the Postmastership at his own wish, to enter other business.

—Georgia is now inclined to think that Bullock, who is still in New York, robbed her of at least eight millions of dollars.

—Colonel John W. Kimball, of Fitchburg, succeeds Colonel N. Brown as Adjutant General, of Massachusetts.

—General George Shanard, the late Collector of Customs at St. Albans, Vt., appears to be a "total wreck." His defaults to the Government is $67,000, private debts, nobody can tell how much, and all this has been squandered in addition to his salary and perquisites, amounting, since July, 1865, to over $95,000. Two years ago, Special Agent Norman W. Bingham preferred charges against him on the ground of incompetence and intemperance, warning the Government that its money and good name were not safe in his hands, and informing the Department that he had removed nearly all the treasury subordinates, and appointed men too much like himself in their habits.

The Danger of an Epidemic.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: There have been many warnings by change (I rarely see any paper but yours) that a dangerous visitation of the above nature is forcibly predicted by a correspondent of one of your contemporaries, and that its origin and development will be in and from the West Division, beyond Twelfth street. Now, I am a resident of this district, and, as the subject has been started, I wish to enlist the powerful influence of THE TRIBUNE in ventilating it. There is no doubt whatever that the absence of drainage, coupled with the disorganization of the city scavengering department since the great fire, has occasioned an unusual accumulation of offensive house and street refuse, which now that the hot rays of the sun are beginning to act upon it, is giving off its odor that makes the atmosphere most unwholesomely oppressive. It is a state of things which should command the solicitous attention of the sanitary authorities, without unnecessary delay. Chicago has withstood the test of a Great Fire bravely, but a plague of Cholera, launched upon the streets overcharged with filth, would be a calamity from which the fire did not,—the depopulation of the city. There is a great responsibility resting with those to whom the duty of protecting the public health; and, as they appear to be insensible to that duty and responsibility, I think the inhabitants of the district immediately in danger, should assemble in a public meeting, and insist upon due consideration being given to so serious a subject, and that a committee of

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To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Is it established as the policy of the Republican party to ignore the claims of the Germans? Are we to be treated as a race of slaves, to be voted like cattle, for the benefit of a few of our number who pretended to be our friends, but are not? Have we not done as much for the party as any other class of citizens? Have we not fought as bravely for the Union as any other class? Have we not helped to save the Republic? Have we not as much right to be considered as citizens of the United States as any other class? I assume it will be patriotic and wise, if not, we are willing to be taught it. Will the Republican party tell us so? If not, why not? Will it tell us that we are not as good as any other class? Will it tell us that we are not as loyal as any other class? Will it tell us that we are not as patriotic as any other class? If not, why not? I assume it will be patriotic and wise, if not, we are willing to be taught it. Will the Republican party tell us so? If not, why not? Will it tell us that we are not as good as any other class? Will it tell us that we are not as loyal as any other class? Will it tell us that we are not as patriotic as any other class? If not, why not? I assume it will be patriotic and wise;

THE LAW COURTS.

Special Assessment Supreme Court Decision.

...s Proceedings in the Cook County Court.

The Supreme Court.

...ALITY OF THE CICERO CHARTER—ASSESSMENTS UNDER IT NOT GOOD IN ...

...great to know what the result of the ...ent and Supreme Courts against ...harter was, the more especially that ...of special assessments also arose. ...parties objected to judgments for ...ppealed to the court of last resort ...ation of their supposed rights. The ...ourt, through the agency of Mr. Chief ...erman, has explained their cause and ...upon their cases. The appellants ...S. Cooley and others, Marcus D. ...George Merriam. The opinion is as ...

...as a judgment was rendered against cor... the Town of Cicero, County of Cook, for ...ts of special assessments levied ...to be due thereon and also for a special ...ered for the improvement of a highway ...Parkway, in said county, and the ...ment were levied by virtue of certain ...in the said Incorporating the Town of ...ero, approved in the Year of our Lord ...enty-six, Session Laws of 1867, in ...ful objection taken by appellants is, ...unconstitutional as in conflict with that ...on of 1848, by requiring the Legislature ...a ... the said Town of Cicero, forbade, by its provision, the granting ...special charters. We consider this posi... untenable. It is true that the Constitution, ...le 11 1ia., 478, that the Legislature ...ot pass local laws providing a local ...of a county in any other manner than ...in the Constitution. But the decision ...the Constitution of 1848 prohibiting the ...ly granting special municipal ...the absence of a prohibition this power ...ed to the body, and it could exercise ...regard to it to levy its taxes and ...ge with less territory. This ...or of legislative discretion was ...claimed that the provisions in the ...ning special assessments are void, ...ir levy, such assessments do not be ...principle of an equation between bene... taxes. But, granting this, the general ...ers were valid. It was not necessary to ...pecific mode of levying taxes. Where the ...ral itself of this power it would, of ...ecessary to exercise it in the manner re...Constitution and not impose assess... special benefits, nor distribute the ...equal proportion to the property ...ed (Walker vs. 34 Ills., 203.) ...is to an objection that is well taken. ...ecial agency of this city is to ...of $25 20 to be assessed "upon the real ...benefited by such improvement, in ...ortion to the special benefit ...each separate lot or parcel thereof." ...ertain that the Commissioners of Lin... must presume, made the assessment ...the ordinance and their own oaths. ...ssumption in this ordinance is fatally ...assumes there is property which will ...benefited by the work, when in fact ...although the town has taken no steps ...ish that fact and arbitrarily assessed ...property upon property bene... it might well be that the docks, and ...ed by the Traders' Insurance Company ...be but a small fraction of the sum as...

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Dedication of the New Chapel Yesterday.

The New Rector, Rev. Arthur Brooks—Abstract of His Sermon.

The new chapel of St. James' Church, corner of Cass and Huron streets, was dedicated yesterday morning. The proceedings were of unusual interest. Representatives of nearly every parish in the city were in attendance, and the edifice was crowded to the outer doors. Two exquisite crosses of flowers adorned the altar, and a rich bouquet dispersed its fragrance throughout the chapel.

St. James' Church was organized in 1834, and is the oldest of our Episcopal parishes. At the time of the fire it had about 350 communicants, and a congregation of 1,100. The officers of the church are: E. R. Sheldon, Senior Warden; C. R. Larrabee, Junior Warden; Julian S. Rumsey, George L. Dunlap, J. A. Ellis, D. Goodwin, Jr., Frederick H. Winston, Wm. D. Kerfoot, R. A. Towner, and John DeKoven, Vestrymen. It may be remembered that the great conflagration left the venerable edifice in ruins, and regular service was to have been held on the following Sabbath by the late Rector, Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson. But a sale on the premises evening blew over one of the huge gables, destroying all hopes of using the venerable edifice, and laborers were set at work to remove the *debris* for the reconstruction of the building. Within the same period the vestibule has been re-colored for temporary use, making a chapel 60 feet in length, 34 in width, and 18 in height, with a seating capacity of 200. The amount expended in this work was but $2,500, owing to liberal donations of materials, including stained glass windows from Messrs. Henry E. Sharp & Co., of New York. The arrangements include a furnace which does its duty admirably. At the rear end of the chapel stood, comparatively uninjured, the memorial tablets erected to those members of the parish who fell in the war. Though reclothing has somewhat obstructed several small Scotch granite pedestals from the worst. Mr. C. H. Hartt has volunteered at the organ for yesterday's services, and the ringing fell to the lot of ...igura. It was announced that the Vestry and Building Committee would meet this evening at the residence of Mr. Wilson, 653 Wabash avenue, and that a meeting of the ladies of the parish would be held on Tuesday evening at the house of Perry H. Smith, No. 913 Indiana avenue.

The new rector, Rev. Arthur Brooks, arrived here on the morning train from Williamsport, Pa. He accepted the call hither at a salary much less than was tendered him at Philadelphia. He is a younger brother of Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, and a nephew of Wendell Phillips. He is about 31 years of age, and graduated at Harvard in 1867. His face is that of an accomplished scholar, and his carriage that of a man of affairs. Rich and clear in voice, his delivery is characterized by a nervousness which would put a photographer to the test. He took for his first sermon Psalms 48: 7: "They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." The great prize in the world, he said, are allotted either to particular exertions or particular characters; they do not rely by chance. That place is most truly our home where, with the least strain or artificiality, our lives seem to run on easily. From such a place as this influences that mould all the rest of life's actions. A man is whatever his home is from that are formed and regulated his acts and desires. The feeling of being at home in God's house involves the sense of nearness to God. The temple, the tabernacle, the sanctuary, the church of God, all mean more than a place, hold something greater than the body, and attract something more important than the outer man. Our church, our home; our church life, our private, social and national activity, must be the sign that we rest among the blessed who can hold to the promise of the text. The strength of the past has not perished, and cannot perish. The foundations we have come upon us, they have but tried and proved the work. All that was wrought in God shall continue. All that was wrought without God has been destroyed. If any man's work abide, he shall receive a reward. Have we not all felt, every step, how precisely the words of the text fit our case to-day, when we gather again, after many months of wandering, in a place which cannot but speak to your hearts with the familiar accents of home! This church life is to be nearest our hearts, for God has promised to dwell with us if we will feel truly at home in His house. Our service, our instruction here, is but the type of lives at home with God. We now have learned more rightly the estimate of the strength of our church, and we rejoice that in a record of devoted works God gave St. James' Church a strength which no earthly destruction could remove, that will survive when the world itself shall be destroyed. And so, without discouragement, may, with exultation, may we look to the future. There is strength understood in the past, there is still more waiting, reaching on indefinitely into the future. Now tasks, new powers are before us. The work is one of progress, not of restoration. We are to open a home here, in the midst of all the world's manifold business and cares, and we want a voice to go forth from it to this busy city, telling its people how sweet a Master is Christ.

CITY AFFAIRS IN BRIEF.

A New Garroting Dodge.

As Edward Rudolph was going home at half-past 2 o'clock yesterday morning, he was accosted near the corner of Blackhawk and Reuben streets, by a man who said he was a policeman. Rudolph asked why he was stopped, and the answer was "you are under arrest." Not wishing to interfere with an officer, he consented to go to the South Branch Police Station, whither the man said he intended to take him. After proceeding about a block the fellow suddenly assaulted Rudolph, knocked him down and robbed him of his watch and chain. He then ran away, and Rudolph was so stonished that he could not follow him. He thinks he knows the garrotier, and was searching for him last evening, but did not find him.

Accidents.

A German named John Weits was fatally injured at 9 o'clock last evening. He was on the Illinois Central track, opposite Adams street, and, being under the influence of liquor, did not step out of the way when a locomotive approached him. He was knocked down, and the wheels of the locomotive passed over both legs below the knees, severing them. He was taken to the County Hospital, and the physician who examined him said he would not live. Weits has no friends in this city.

—Adolph Jost, an employed in the planing mill on the corner of Green street and Chicago avenue, was badly injured on Saturday afternoon. He was adjusting a belt on a fly-wheel, when his coat became entangled in the shaft, and he was whirled around two or three times very rapidly. The machinery was stopped as soon as possible, and Jost was relieved from his unpleasant position. His left side and breast were bruised, and it is thought he sustained internal injuries. He was removed to his home, No. 71 Noble street.

Youthful Thieves.

Two lads broke into the store of J. W. Shay, No. 106 East Monroe street, yesterday morning, and carried out a box of boots and deposited them beneath the building. While searching for a pair that would fit them, a citizen came along and, observing them, shouted "Get out of that." They "got," and a policeman, who made his appearance just then, endeavored to overtake them, but could not. The box was taken into the store again, and one of Pinkerton's men remained in the vicinity until after daylight.

Everything.

A young man named Wallace H. Estes, who was employed as clerk in the drug store No. 1295 State street, was found dead in bed at that place yesterday morning. The Coroner held an inquest, and a post-mortem examination established that death was caused by disease of the heart. Estes was 26 years of age, unmarried. His father, Dr. Estes, who lives in Washington, was telegraphed for.

—Mary Smith, a German, aged 11 years, who lives at No. 1223 State street, has been missing since last Thursday, and her friends think she has committed suicide. She is 4 feet 4 inches in height, has light complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair.

—The alarm from Box No. 182, at 25 minutes past 8 o'clock last evening, was occasioned by the burning of a rest in the dwelling No. 268 Cleveland avenue. The garment came in contact with a stove pipe.

—On Saturday night the dwelling of John Keefe, No. 162 Butterfield street, was visited by burglars, who stole $200 in greenbacks. Entrance was effected by opening the front door with nippers.

—At a quarter after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Box No. 174 was turned in for a fire in the Relief shanty, No. 272 North State street, which is occupied by Mrs. Waltington. About $10 damage to the roof was the cause, a defective chimney.

—An overcoat and a valise were stolen from the room of Alex. Cuthbert, a boarder at No. 222 Fourth avenue, yesterday morning.

Base Ball.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28.—The most closely contested and scientific game of base ball ever played in this city occurred at the Park this afternoon, between the Lone Stars and R. E. Lees. The following is the score by

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lone Stars	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0—5
R. E. Lees	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1—3

TROY, N. Y., April 28.—The Troy club yesterday defeated the Mansfields, of Middleton, Conn., by a score of 27 to 10.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Atlantics yesterday defeated the Brooklyn Olympics, 27 to 6.

BOSTON, April 27.—In the game of bras ball, today, between the Boston and Harvard clubs, the former won by a score of 26 to 2.

CHICAGO LUMBER MARKET.

SATURDAY EVENING, April 27.

CARGOES—The demand for the different descriptions of lumber to-day was active, and the volume of business transacted was the largest since the season has opened, and for joist and sceanling prices ruled fully 25@50c per 1,000 feet higher, while for A sawed shingles and lath quotations were nominally unchanged, sales of shingles being made at $3.00@3.10, and lath at $1.50. At the close 26 cargoes remained unsold.

Transactions afloat include the following:

Cargo schr Maine, from Ludington, 128 m ft short piece stuff (mill tally) at $17 25. Sold by J. M. Loomis & Co.

Cargo schr Jessa Phillips, from Manistee, 123 m ft short joist and scantling at $17.25. Sold by J. M. Loomis & Co.

Cargo scow Scottish Chief, from White Lake, 60 m ft inferior mixed lumber at $15.00. Sold by E. M. Doubleday.

Cargo schr Jennie Bell, from Manistee, 102 m ft short piece stuff scantling at $17 00; 27 m ft timber at $21.00 (mill tally). Sold by Blanchard, Borland & Co.

Cargo schr Travis, from Muskegon, 65 m ft mixed lumber at $17.00 (mill tally). Sold by Blanchard, Borland & Co.

Cargo schr Driver, from Manistee, 600 m A shingles at $2.15; 100 m ft joist and scantling at $17.25. Sold by Blanchard, Borland & Co.

Cargo schr Erie, from Grand Haven, 33,563 ft stringers, 53,324 ft timber, and 1 will ft mixed at $20.25 (mill tally). Sold by Irish, Bullen & Co.

Cargo schr Silver Cloud, from Muskegon, 68 m ft mixed at $17 50; 29 m ft, 3-12 and 3-12 at $19.00. Sold by W. Meglade.

The following sales were made late Friday afternoon:

Cargo schr Retee, from Pentwater, 130 m ft short piece stuff at $17.00. Sold by W. Meglade.

Cargo schr North Star, from Pentwater, 1,200 m shingles at $3.00. Sold by W. Meglade.

Following are the rates now current from the points named to Chicago:

EAST SHORE.	
Manistee	$3 00 P M.
Ludington	2.50 "
Pentwater	2.50 "
Muskegon	2 25 "
White Hall	2.50 "
Grand River	2.25 "
WEST SHORE.	
Horn's Pier—Wood	2.75 P cord.
Railroad Ties	8c.
Two Rivers—Lumber	2.50 P M.
Ahnapee—Wood	2 25 P cord.
Ahnapee—Railroad Ties	8c.
Ahnapee—Cedar posts	41 P 100
Ahnapee—Shingles	250 P M.

AT THE MARIS.

There was less activity in the demand, but a fair amount of trading was done, the prices realized being substantially the same as last noted. We quote:

First and second clear	$43.00@45.00
Second clear, 1 inch to 2 inch	47.00@48.00
Third clear, 1 inch	38.00@40.00
Third clear, thick	43.00@45.00
First and second clear flooring, tongue and groove	40.00
First and second clear siding, together	22.00@24.00
Common siding	20.00
Common flooring, dressed first	26.00@28.00
Common flooring, dressed second	29.00@30.00
Wagon boxes, planed, selected, 10 inches and upwards	36.00@38.00
A stock boards	34.00@36.00
B stock boards	28.00@30.00
Common boards	20.00
Joists, scantling, small timber, etc., 18 to 24 feet	20.00@27.00
Joists, scantling, small timber, etc., 12 feet	19.00@20.00
Fencing	18.00@20.00
Joists and scantling, 18 to 24 feet	20.00@27.00
Pickets, flat	16.00@18.00
Pickets, flats	16.00@18.00
Cedar posts, split	16.00@18.00
Cedar posts, round	15.00@16.00
Lath	4.00@4.25
Sawed shingles, No. 1	1.75@2.00
Sawed shingles, A star	3.00@3.10
HARDWOOD.	
Ash (dry)	$20.00@35.00
Oak (dry)	30.00@35.00
Whitewood (dry)	30.00@35.00
Waste walnut (clear)	50.00@75.00
Whitewood, clear (green, in cargo lots)	27.00
Whitewood, common (in cargo lots)	17.00
Hickory	25.00@30.00
Cherry	30.00@50.00

OFF TRACK.

The offerings were light, and the market ruled firm at $3.25@3.37½.

A car at our shipping point sold at $3.25@3.37½

Sawed shingles—

The Albany *Argus* of Friday says:

"The season has opened up with unusual activity, all hires of hands to the number of advanced quotations. Most kinds of dry lumber are getting scarce, and it will be out of market before the arrival of the new. The indications are favorable for continued activity throughout the season. Operations have been done in the mill yards throughout the country, leaving the stocks low. A good demand, chiefly for manufacturing purposes, is looked for. Foreign orders will also be larger than usual. To Buenos Ayres there will be large shipments; shipments to other port last season having discontinued owing to the prevalence of fevers, and an increased business is now confidently expected, mainly owing to the building of wooded houses on the outskirts of the city by those wishing to escape the city malaria. Another favorable element is the activity in the British markets. Prices have advanced materially, and contracts have been made for the production of all the principal Canada mills at high prices, omitting only a large percentage of lumber that would otherwise have been sawn for this market. There is great uncertainty about the ... for getting to the mills in Canada and Michigan, on account of low water. A short time now will decide this. The mills will all be late in starting, on account of the backwardness of season and quantity of ice still in the rivers and streams. This will materially lessen the production. There is a universal cry of gaps to be filled up in Michigan and Chicago, also in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, it now looks as if all the lumber held over from last season will be wanted and prevent an overstocking of markets. The Northern mills are well stocked with spruce and hemlock logs, and good supplies of these kinds of lumber be expected. In a few weeks a more correct opinion can be formed of the future prospects, much depending on the success of getting logs to market.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Port of Chicago.

ARRIVED.....April 27.

Stmr Corona, Benton Harbor, 38 pkgs fresh fish, and sundries.

Schr Dolphin, Milwaukee, light.

Schr Gazelle, Manistee, light.

Schr Iva Lawson Muskegon, 120 m lumber.

Schr C. J. Reader, Muskegon, 117 m lumber.

Schr J. Bean, Jr., Muskegon, 118 cords slabs.

Schr Emma, Grand Haven, 65 cords wood, 35 m shingles.

Scow Gladiator, Manistee, 118 m lumber, 200 m shingles.

Stmr Sophia, Milwaukee, 9 pkgs fish, 3 sacks wool, and sundries.

Prop Ira Chaffee, Sauganuck, 20 pkgs fish, 30 m lumber, 200 m shingles, and sundries.

Schr Wm. Smith, South Haven, 40 cords wood.

Schr Fisher, Sauganuck, 60 cords wood.

Scow Blue Belle, Manistee, 75 cords wood, 200 telegraph poles, 26 m lumber.

Schr Arab, Sauganuck, 125 cords wood.

Schr Grand Rapids, Two Rivers, 80 cords bark.

Schr Maine, Ludington, 120 m ft pine lumber.

Schr David Dall, Portage Lake, 160 m lumber.

Schr Chicago, Muskegon, 126 m lumber.

Schr Colonel Hegg, Manitowoc, 3 m railroad ties.

Schr J. Dresser, Pentwater, 2,200 railroad ties.

Schr Sportsman, Kewaunee, 7,500 cedar posts, 200 telegraph poles.

Schr Walesk, Muskegon, 1,800 railroad ties.

Schr Gardner, Muskegon, 110 m lumber.

Schr Hamilton, Muskegon, 3,000 railroad ties.

Schr S. Bates, Pentwater, 130 m lumber.

Schr Challenge, Muskegon, 120 m lumber.

Schr Experiment, Sheboygan, 40 m brick.

Schr Ashtabula, Sheboygan, 80 m brick.

Schr New Hampshire, White Lake, 60 m lumber, 20 cords wood.

Schr Fresto, Grand Haven, 60 m lumber, 100 cords wood.

Schr Belle Earl, Sauganuck, 85 m lumber.

Schr Belle Grand Haven, 100 m lumber.

Schr Fearless, Kewaunee, 140 m lumber, 10 m lath.

Schr Enterprise, Muskegon, 98 m lumber, 5 m lath.

Schr R. Hubbard, Pentwater, 66 m lumber, 200 m shingles.

Schr Ithaca, Muskegon, 1,600 railroad ties, 60 cords bark.

Schr J. Hibbard, Clay Bank, 4,000 cedar posts.

Barge Golden Harvest, Grand Haven, 250 cords wood.

Barge Wolverine, Grand Haven, 200 m lumber.

Barge C. F. Allen, Grand Haven, 180 m lumber.

Schr Boss, Manistee, 80 m lumber.

Schr Dawn, White Lake, 80 m lumber, 30 m shingles, 2 cords slabs.

Schr C. Hine, Centreville, 112 cords wood.

Schr Octavia, White Lake, 120 cords slabs.

Schr J. A. Travis, Muskegon, 70 m lumber.

Schr South Side, White Lake, 60 cords wood, 475 brls fish.

Schr Vermont, Sauganuck, 80 m lumber.

Scow Sarah Ann, White Lake, 56 m lumber.

Scow Ravena, White Lake, 55 m lumber, 600 m shingles.

Scow Gerald, Sauganuck, 80 m lumber.

Scow G. F. Prince, Manistee, 75 m lumber.

Scow Monitor, White Lake, 80 m lumber, 350 m brls piles.

Scow Silver Cloud, 90 m lumber.

CLEARED.....April 27.

Stmr Corona, St. Joseph, 13 brls flour, and sundries.

Prop Favorite, Menominee, 600 bu oats, 300 bu potatoes.

Schr Lotus, Buffalo, 18 613 bu corn.

Schr Atalanta, Menominee, 10 brls beef, and sundries.

Schr Minnesota, Menominee, sund ries.

Schr Iver Lawson, Muskegon, light.

Schr G. Seaville, Muskegon, light.

Schr C. J. Reader, Muskegon, light.

Schr C. J. Bean, Jr., Manistee, light.

Schr Gazelle, Manistee, light.

Schr Emma, Grand Haven, light.

Stmr Muskegon, Grand Haven, 14 bales broom corn, and sundries.

Prop Ira Chaffee, Sauganuck, 300 green hides, 50 brls pork, and sundries.

Bark City of Painesville, Buffalo, 37,885 bu corn.

Schr Fisher, Stittsmack's Pier, light.

Schr Wm. Smith, South Haven, 250 green hides, 50 brls pork, and sundries.

Schr Lydia Case, Buffalo, 14,662 bu corn.

Bark Leland, Buffalo, 39,561 bu corn.

Schr Kate Kellogg, Buffalo, 30,700 bu corn.

Schr Minnie Stawsen, Buffalo, 23,756 bu corn.

Schr Golden Fleece, Buffalo, 32,256 bu corn.

Schr Nelson Boyce, Buffalo, 19,124 bu corn.

Schr Jessie Hoyt, Buffalo, 21 003 bu corn.

Schr Nelson, Buffalo, 23,543 bu corn.

Schr City of Chicago, Buffalo, 20,490 bu corn.

Schr Newsboy, Buffalo, 26 000 bu corn.

Schr Riverside, Buffalo, 20,662 bu corn.

Bark Spaulding, Buffalo, 37,000 bu corn.

Schr Agnes Smith, Buffalo, 38,032 bu corn.

Schr Groton, Buffalo, 24,356 bu corn, 3 m lumber.

Barge Simonds, Buffalo, sundries.

Schr Czar, Oswego, 24,781 bu corn.

Schr Brigitte, Buffalo, 29 600 bu corn.

Schr Monarch, Buffalo, 21 000 bu wheat.

Schr J. P. March, Buffalo, 25,423 bu corn.

Schr E. P. Dorr, Buffalo, 14,318 bu corn.

Schr Sophia, Buffalo, 16,467 bu corn.

Schr H. Johnston, Buffalo, 27 110 bu corn.

Schr Zack Chandler, Buffalo, 46,219 bu corn.

Schr Evaline, Buffalo, 15,905 bu corn.

Schr City of Sheboygan, Buffalo, 17 253 bu corn.

Schr Dawn, Pentwater, 300 bu oats and sundries.

Schr Nimbus, Muskegon, 2,000 bu corn, 2,000 bu oats.

Schr Black Hawk, Stony Creek, 2,000 bu corn, and sundries.

Schr Live Oak, Muskegon, 400 bu oats, and sundries.

Vessels Passed Welland Canal.

The following vessels passed the locks at Port Colborne, April 26:

DOWN.—Schr Wm. B. Ogden, Cleveland to Oswego, corn, the first arrival of the season.

UP.—Prop America, St Catherines to Toledo, light, with barge Clyde in tow.

Barge St. Lawrence, Kingston to Chicago, pig iron.

Wind west, light. The ice appears to be softening. Captains with eastward bound vessels expected to leave with the first fair wind.

Lake Freights.

CHICAGO, April 27.—We note the following engagements:

Schr Vanderbilt (to arrive), corn at 10½.

TOLEDO, April 25.—Charter, schooner Summit, corn, to Kingston, at 9c.

MILWAUKEE, April 26.—The schooner W. G. Mantor has put in at 17c, for wheat to Oswego.

BAY CITY, April 24.—The following charters are reported: Steam barge Henry Howard, Bay City to Buffalo, lumber, freight, $3,12½. Tow barges Windsor and Upton, East Saginaw to Buffalo, lumber, freight, $3 62½. The propellor Mendota has been chartered for lumber to Buffalo; freight, $3.

New Vessels.

Fitzgerald, of Port Huron, is getting out timber with which to build a 300 ton sailed schooner for Captain Nicholson, of Detroit, which is expected to be afloat by August. She is to be 138 feet keel, about 195 feet in length over all; 33 feet beam, and 12 feet 6 inches depth of hold. Men are now at work upon her, both at the yard and on the line of the P. H. & I. M. Railroad, getting out timber.

—At Capac, the frames for a three-masted schooner are being got out. The vessel is to be built at Port Huron. She will be 190 feet in length, 32 beam, with an average depth of 14 feet hold.

—At Lock No. 4, Welland Canal, are two new steamers, nearly completed, which are to be engaged in the through trade, and commanded respectively by Captain Larkins and Captain Watson.

Miscellaneous Items.

THE FLEET.—A large lumber fleet arrived here on Saturday.

WIND.—The wind on Saturday was fresh from the northeast.

CHARTERED.—On Saturday the steam barge East Saginaw was chartered at $1 25 for wood from Ahnapee.

THE FLEET.—The schooners Sunrise and Pauline were the first fleet to clear this season from Chicago for Buffalo.

OFFER.—The hatches of Escanaba and Menominee are now open for navigation.

WAGES.—Seamen at this port are receiving $2 00 per day.

—The water in the river on Saturday and yesterday was quite high, which enabled heavy draught vessels to clear for their ports of destination.

A STEAMER SOLD.—The propeller Annie Laurie, which was built on the river St. Clair, and came out late last year, has been sold to Capt. Sharp, of Chicago, for the sum of $22 000, by Rice and others. She will proceed to Lake Michigan as soon as the ice will permit, and will ply during the season between Lincoln on the east shore and Chicago, in the lumber trade. Meantime she is plying between Saginaw and Cleveland.

BURLINGTON BAY.—The Hamilton (Ont.) papers state that the waters of Burlington Bay are lower than they were ever known to have been before. Places where the water was six feet in depth at this time last year are now dry, and in fact have entirely disappeared, so that land may now be followed out as far as fifty yards beyond its boundaries of last season.

GRAIN FREIGHTS.—There is a fair demand for vessels at the following rates: Milwaukee and Chicago, 2½; Detroit, 65c; Port Huron, 65c; Toronto, 81.50 gold offered.—*Cleveland Herald, April 27.*

ARBITRATION.—The matter of the collision between the schooner S. S. Kimball and the steam barge M. Groh was on Thursday submitted to a Board of Arbitration, consisting of Messrs. John Lyon, T. B. Blackstone, and R. R. Manning. After hearing the testimony, on both sides, the arbitrators decided that the collision was the result of accident, and that each party should assume their own damages, and that the cost of arbitration, if any, should be divided between the owners. The former, we understand, was acquiesced in by the owners on both sides.—*Ibid.*

THE ICE.—Nothing new anywhere.—At Port Clinton, on Tuesday, the steamer B. F. Ferris was unable to get over the bar. In Sandusky Harbor there is still a large field of ice, and the bay is full of wreckage. At the shallowest place there are 10 feet, and on the bar at Cedar Point the depth is fully 12 feet. The only ice left in the harbor of Toledo is over the bar at Ludington. The barge Eldorado last sunday grounded and remained fast twenty-four hours. She was compelled to lighter 10,000 feet of lumber to get off.

THE ICE.—We learn from Port Colborne that the ice is nearly all gone from the upper canal. The propellers St. Albans and City of Concord left Port Colborne Tuesday evening, and the propeller Chicora and consort left on Monday morning. The last propeller is nearly out of the ice.

IRON EAST TAWAS.—A correspondent, writing from this point under date of April 23, says: "The ice, which has looked us in and covered the Tawas Bay all winter, broke up only last Sunday, but ran hard aground on the bar at Lighthouse Point, in which position it remained until Monday morning, when, a gale coming on, it drove to the south drove it back upon the shore. It struck the beach, very fortunately, about half way between the two piers. Had it struck with the force, that it drove great blocks of ice one on top of another high up on the banks. This destroyed very much of the force with which the great part of the immense field of ice was driven against the docks, and saved our dock-owners from the total destruction of their property. As it resulted, the Iosco Mills dock was crushed and damaged to the amount of $1,000, and the dock of the Company was damaged to the amount of $300. The ice-field is now broken and shattered, and no very serious difficulty is anticipated from it in its present shape. It prevents boats landing at our docks, but a change of wind to the northward will carry it off."

SALT AT ALPENA.—A letter from Alpena, April 23, says:

"Navigation has fully opened with us. The first boat that got into the river was the Lake Breeze, from Saginaw. The Wenona arrived in the Bay on Wednesday, the 17th, but could not get in for the ice. On Friday night the wind changed and blew a gale from the southeast all Saturday. On Sunday morning the wind changed again and blew from the northwest, taking the ice out in short order, so that the Wenona had no difficulty in getting in. The Wenona arrived here about 4 o'clock this morning, on her second trip, and the Marine City arrived about 9 o'clock this afternoon on her first trip.

"Our arrangements for communications will, if carried out as announced, be the best we have had for many years. The Lake Breeze and Lake Shore Line will run the Lake Breeze and City of Saginaw from Saginaw, leaving Bay City on the arrival of the Lake Line. The effect will be much to give us a daily boat from there; the Marine City will make weekly trips on her old route from Detroit to Mackinaw, stopping at intermediate ports. The Alpena Transportation Company will run the Gelena and Wenona from here to Detroit and Lake Erie ports, making a daily line with each boat, so that parties desiring to visit Alpena can have the choice of either route, and can come and go as they may desire. An effort will be made to give us a daily mail, which is a pressing necessity for our growing city."

Laces at Auction.

Horace Reed & Co., No. 44 State street, will offer one of the largest and finest lots of Nottingham curtains and curtain-nets ever shown in any auction house in this city. This is worthy the attention of all regular dealers. See advertising column.

Pew Renting.

The annual pew-renting of Union Park Congregational Church will occur this evening.

AMUSEMENTS.

GLOBE THEATRE.
Col. Wood, Proprietor.

THE MANAGEMENT
Has the pleasure of announcing
A Summer Season of Elegant Comedy
By the Popular
Wyndham Comedy Company!
Commencing MONDAY, May 6. The Company, as at present organized, comprises ALL THE FAVORITE ARTISTES who have performed with them during the PAST TWO SEASONS, and now forms a Combination unapproachable in numbers and talent.

THE SEASON
Will be signalized by the production of several NEW and BEAUTIFUL PLAYS, which will be placed upon the stage with the MOST PERFECT CASTE, and every appliance to render this the most memorable season ever given in Chicago.

THE THEATRE
Will be Newly Decorated and Renovated BEFORE and BEHIND THE CURTAIN, while its superior advantages for ventilation render it the most COMFORTABLE SUMMER THEATRE in the city.

THE ORCHESTRA
Will be considerably enlarged, and will consist of first-class Musicians, under the direction of one of the most talented Leaders in the country. A NEW AND ATTRACTIVE FEATURE in the performances.

The season will commence with a new and powerful comedy, adapted from the French of the great humorist author of "*Frou-Frou*," Fernandez, etc., etc., entitled

FRIENDS!

Presenting novel and striking incidents, and of unusually powerful interest. Illustrated by the MAGNIFICENT SCENERY, PROPERTIES, APPOINTMENTS, etc., and a POWERFUL and PERFECT CAST.

Full particulars will be duly announced.

GLOBE THEATRE.

The Black Crook Victorious!

The Black Crook Triumphant!

POSITIVELY THE LAST WEEK OF THIS WEIRD, ENCHANTING, AND MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

Messrs. Palmer & Co desire to return the most ardent thanks to the Chicago public for their generous patronage in support of this expensive entertainment.

Reappearance of

Little Vic, the Child Wonder.

Grand ballet, exquisite marching, beautiful singing, and gorgeous scenery.

Remember, the Last Week.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Inauguration of the Summer Season.
Engagement of the Celebrated Tragedienne,
Mrs. D. P. Bowers
For positively one week only, assisted by the popular actor,
MR J. C. McCOLLOM.
And supported by the new ACADEMY STAR COMPANY MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY MATINEE, MRS. D. P. BOWERS' Great Specialty,
LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET,
OR, THE MYSTERY OF AUDLEY COURT.

WEST SIDE OPERA HOUSE.

Arlington, Cotton & Kemble's Minstrels.
First week of the grotesque sensational song and dance artist,
CHAS. WALTERS.
First week of
E. L. MORRIS,
the great German delineator, who will appear as
RICHARD NO 3,
Or, the Tentonic Bard of Bridgeport. Second week of
THE BLACK-ST CROOK,
Unparalled attraction for this week.
Saturday, grand family matinee.

GLOBE THEATRE.

The Management

Begs to announce that this Theatre will close for repairs and redecoration, on Wednesday, May 1, and reopen the summer season on Monday, May 6, with the

Wyndham Comedy Co.

MICHIGAN-AV. THEATRE.

Opening Postponed
UNTIL MAY 6.

MARTINE'S HALL.

PROF. O. S FOWLER,
THE EMINENT
PHRENOLOGIST,
Will deliver a FREE LECTURE, the first of a brief course, at MARTINE'S, MONDAY evening, April 29, at 8 o'clock. Subject:
"Phrenology & the Laws of Health."
☞ Public examinations at the close of the lecture.
☞ Private delineations of character at the Sherman House, after the 29th, for a brief season. Consult Prof. Fowler as to your character, best business, marriage, and the special education of your children. Reduced prices to clubs and families. Announcement of further lectures hereafter.

AUCTION SALES.

By ELISON & FOSTER.

Genteel Furniture
AT AUCTION,
No. 529 Wabash-av.

We shall sell without reserve, on MONDAY MORNING, April 29, the entire household effects of No. 529 Wabash-av. This is a rare chance for parties desiring to commence housekeeping.

Velvet, Brussels and Ingrain Carpets; Mirrors, Elegant Parlor and Chamber Sets, Dining-room and Kitchen Furniture, Glassware, Crockery, Silver-plated Ware, Bedding, Table Linen, Gas Fixtures, etc., etc.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.
ELISON & FOSTER, Auctioneers,
181 Michigan-av.

FRAME BUILDING AT AUCTION.
169 WABASH-AV.

We will sell, without reserve, on Monday morning, April 29, the frame building situated 169 Wabash-av. Sale to take place at 11 o'clock, on the premises.
ELISON & FOSTER,
Auctioneers.

GREAT BANKRUPT STOCK
OF
Horses, Carriages, Buggies, Harness, etc.,
AT AUCTION.

The stock of SMITH & FLAGG,

FOREIGN.

Correspondence Between Minister Schenck and Lord Granville.

Fearful Loss of Life Caused by the Eruption of Vesuvius.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The *World* has the following correspondence upon the presentation at Geneva of the British counter case to the Arbitrators, under the fourth article of the Treaty of Washington, May 8, 1871:

EARL GRANVILLE TO SIR R. THORNTON.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 8, 1872.

SIR: General Schenck informed me, on the 22d of March, that he had written to Mr. Fish and told him that he had said to me in confidence that he thought his Government would not object to Her Majesty's Government putting in their counter-case before the Arbitrators without prejudice to the position which Her Majesty's Government are now maintaining, and that the Government of the United States would accept to such understanding, and be stated that he was awaiting to obtaining from Mr. Fish on the 2d or 3d of April, by telegraph, his view on that point. On the 15th instant Mr. Schenck wrote to me, stating that he had now received Mr. Fish's reply confirming his opinion. Mr. Fish says: "General Schenck informs me that it is the understanding of the United States that the British Government is bound under the treaty to file a counter-case, and that they will not prejudice any position they have taken, nor affect any position of the United States, but that the rights of both parties will be the same after filing as before." General Schenck, whom I have seen to-day on his re urn from Paris, has verbally confirmed to me this statement. General Schenck afterwards said he had no objections to my communicating his letter to my colleagues, or indeed announcing it to Parliament.

(Signed) GRANVILLE.

EARL GRANVILLE TO GENERAL SCHENCK.

FOREIGN OFFICE, April 9, 1872.

MY DEAR GENERAL SCHENCK: I have submitted to the Cabinet my correspondence with you, and the substance of our conversation yesterday on the question of Her Majesty's Government presenting its counter-case to the Tribunal of Geneva on the 16th of this month, without prejudice to the position which they maintain as to the nature and extent of the claims referred to that Tribunal. I send you a copy of a note which I propose to have presented at the same time as the counter case. Yours sincerely, &c.,

(Signed) GRANVILLE.

GENERAL SCHENCK TO EARL GRANVILLE.

APRIL 10, 1872.

MY DEAR LORD GRANVILLE: I received last night your note enclosing a copy of the paper which you propose to have presented at Geneva at the same time with your counter-case. I hasten to communicate information of it to my Government. Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT C. SCHENCK.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Stirred up by the play of "Black Friday," Edward S. Stokes has sent the following letter for publication:

To the Public: Ever since my commitment to this prison, at the request of my counsel, I have refrained from making a statement of any kind to the public. I have authorized physicians, not necessarily close confinement by order of the Commissioners, but the seal of silence placed on my lips by those who have been even more than jailers of this establishment. I have suffered more mentally from the repeated and gross representations in newspapers under the guise of statements of my enemies than from my confinement. Silently and painfully I have listened to the secret satisfaction that I was in fact in the hands of those who, through the machinery of the law, were determined to extort money from Fisk, and to gross misrepresentations of my relations with him. These accusations I reserved to myself, and to my counsel in the prosecution of my suit against Fisk. Miss Mansfield's affidavit was deemed necessary by my counsel to meet, if it were ever any business relations with her whatever. Neither was I interested in any suit with her, except that I was in fact involved with Fisk unofficially to extort money from Fisk, and to gross misrepresentations of my relations with her